

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 489**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Huffman**

February 24, 2009

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An act to amend Section 8051 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to commercial fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 489, as introduced, Huffman. Commercial fishing.

Existing law regulating commercial fishing imposes, or authorizes the imposition of, various license, permit, and registration fees. Existing law requires specified persons to pay landing taxes quarterly, based on a rate schedule applicable to specified aquatic species.

This bill would require payment of landing taxes quarterly, based on that rate schedule, or pursuant to a rate as determined by the Fish and Game Commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8051 of the Fish and Game Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8051. ~~(a)~~—The landing tax imposed pursuant to Section 8041
- 4 shall be determined pursuant to Section 8042 by using the tax rates
- 5 in the following schedule, *or pursuant to a rate as determined by*
- 6 *the commission:*

	Rate per pound
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3 (1) All fish, except as otherwise specified in this sec-	
4 tion.....	\$0.0013
5 (2) Mollusks and crustaceans, excluding squid and	
6 crab.....	.0125
7 (3) Crab.....	.0019
8 (4) Squid.....	.0019
9 (5) Salmon, based only on the weight in the round	.0500
10 (6) Lobster.....	.0125
11 (7) Abalone.....	.0125
12 (8) Anchovies.....	.0013
13 (9) Sardines.....	.0063
14 (10) Mackerel.....	.0013
15 (11) Halibut.....	.0125
16 (12) Angel shark, based only on the weight in the	
17 round.....	.0113
18 (13) Swordfish, based only on the weight in the	
19 round.....	.0125
20 (14) Thresher shark, based only on the weight in the	
21 round.....	.0113
22 (15) Bonito shark, based only on the weight in the	
23 round.....	.0113
24 (16) Herring.....	.0125
25 (17) Sea urchin.....	.0013
26 (18) The following fish:.....	.0125
27 Barracuda	
28 Flying fish	
29 Frogs	
30 Giant sea bass	
31 Saltwater worms	
32 White sea bass	
33 Yellowtail	
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35 <del>(b) This section shall become operative on January 1, 1994.</del>	